



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #2
Update
R+L Carriers Spill

Wilmington, OH
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Reporting Period: March 7-8, 2022

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	NA	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	OPA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	
NPL Status:		Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	3/5/2022	Start Date:	3/5/2022
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	Ohio EPA
FPN#:	UCGPE22504	Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Oil Spill Response

1.1.2 Site Description

On March 5, 2022, US EPA Region 5 was notified of NRC Report # 1330341. The NRC Report noted that

R&L Carriers reported 80,000 gallons of diesel was released from a 1 million gallon storage tank impacting 3 miles of Dutch Creek in Wilmington, OH. Dutch Creek is a tributary of the Little Miami River (Scenic River). The source of the spill was R&L Carriers in Wilmington, OH. The spill is within EPA jurisdiction.

On March 5, 2022, FPN#UCGPE22504 was established.

1.1.2.1 Location

The spill location is R&L Carriers located at 600 Gillam Road, Wilmington, OH. The spill source is a 1 million gallon storage tank that contained 188,992 gallons of diesel oil. R&L Carriers initially reported a spill volume of 80,000 gallons that was revised to 22,625 gallons on March 8, 2022.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On March 5, 2022, US EPA Region 5 was notified of NRC Report # 1330341. The NRC Report noted that 80,000 gallons of diesel was released from a 1 million gallon storage tank impacting 3 miles of Dutch Creek in Wilmington, OH. The source of the spill was R&L Carriers in Wilmington, OH. The spill is within EPA jurisdiction.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

R&L carriers initially reported 80,000 gallons of diesel oil has been released and impacted 3 miles of Dutch Creek. The spill volume was revised to 22, 625 gallons on March 8, 2022 due to tank gauging.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

On March 5, 2022, US EPA Region 5 was notified of NRC Report # 1330341. The NRC Report noted that 80,000 gallons of diesel was released from a 1 million gallon storage tank impacting 3 miles of Dutch Creek in Wilmington, OH. The source of the spill was R&L Carriers in Wilmington, OH. EPA has verified that the release has impacted 3.5 miles of the navigable waterway Dutch Creek. The spill is within EPA jurisdiction.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

For response actions on March 5-6, 2022, see POLREP #1.

On March 7-8 the following response actions were completed:

- Unified Command continued with EPA, OEPA, Clinton County EMA, Fire Department, R&L
- 24 hour operations continued with Operation Briefings every 6 hours (0700, 1300, 1900 hours)
- R&L Carriers has mobilized 6 response contractors totaling 25 personnel
- Approximately 182,000 gallons of oil/water have been collected from source area and Dutch Creek.
- Approximately 10,522 gallons of oil have been collected from source area and Dutch Creek.
- 20 cubic yards of oil saturated boom and pads have been collected from floodplain
- A total of 8 recovery locations were maintained on Dutch Creek
- A staging area has been established for frac tanks, roll-off boxes, equipment.
- Tank source has been stabilized, but subsurface diesel continues to be released
- Construction of an oil/water separator was initiated between Recovery Locations 0 & 1.
- Off-site disposal of 22,000 gallons of oil/water was completed (total to date).
- A Site Safety Officer has completed daily Safety Plan briefings for contractor crews

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

US EPA issued a Notice of Federal Interest to R&L Carriers. R&L Carriers has mobilized 6 response contractors including: ERC, BP Environmental, First Call, Clean Harbors, SES, Enviroserve.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal
Oil/Water	liquid	13,000 gallons			Central Ohio Oil
Oil/Water	liquid	9,000 gallons			Central Ohio Oil

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Continue oil recovery operations at source and 3.5 miles of Dutch Creek

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

Heavy rain on March 7 caused non recoverable sheen as far as Morrow, OH at Little Miami River on March 7, 2022.

2.3 Logistics Section

Gurneyville Road has been closed by Clinton County Highway Department.

A staging Area has been established at the R&L Carriers Maintenance Building parking lot.

2.4 Finance Section

2.4.1 Narrative

FPN #UCGPE22504 was established on March 5, 2022 for \$25,000 ceiling.

R&L Carriers hired 8 response contractors

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

A Health & Safety Plan was revised by the Safety Officer on March 8, 2022.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

2.5.3 Information Officer

Clinton County EMA PIO Duane Weyand is handling media inquiries

A Media Briefing was conducted on March 8, 2022.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Unified Command was established on March 5, 2022 at 2300 hours including:

US EPA

Ohio EPA

Port William-Liberty Township Fire Department

Clinton County EMA

R&L Carriers

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

US Coast Guard

4. Personnel On Site

US EPA 2

USCG 2

Ohio EPA 4

Clinton County EMA 2

PWLT Fire Department 2

R&L Carriers contractors 26

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.